

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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RICHARD URUCHURTU, D.O.)	STIPULATION AND CONSENT
Holder of License No. 2720 for the)	ORDER
practice of osteopathic medicine in the)	
State of Arizona.)	
_____)	

STIPULATION

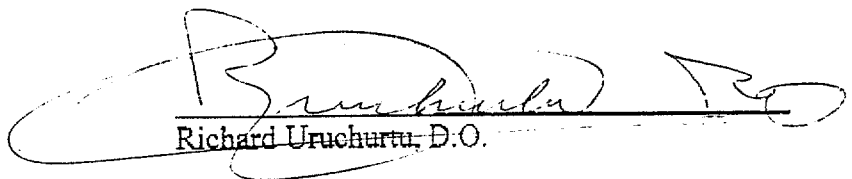
By mutual agreement and understanding, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners (hereafter "Board") and Richard Uruchurtu, D.O. (hereinafter "Respondent"), the parties hereto agree to the following disposition to this matter.

1. Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Stipulation and the attached Consent Order; and, Respondent is aware of and understands the content of these documents.
2. Respondent understands that by entering into this Stipulation, he voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing on the matters alleged as grounds for Board action or to seek judicial review of the consent order in state or federal court.
3. Respondent understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order will not become effective unless approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
4. Respondent further understands that this Stipulation and Consent Order, once approved and signed, shall constitute a public records which will be disseminated as a formal action of the Board as required by A.R.S. §§ 32-1855 (L) and (K).
5. Respondent admits to the statement of facts and conclusions of law contained in the Stipulated Consent Order.

6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Board, Respondent and the State of Arizona; and, therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended for any other purpose or administrative regulatory proceeding or litigation in another state or federal court.

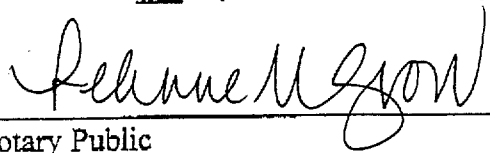
7. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, he may not later revoke or amend this Stipulation or any part of the Consent Order, although said Stipulation has not yet been accepted by the Board and issued by its Executive Director, without first obtaining Board approval.

REVIEWED AND ACCEPTED this 21 day of October, 1997.


Richard Uruchurtu, D.O.

Oregon
STATE OF ~~ARIZONA~~)
Yavapai) ss
County of ~~Maricopa~~)

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 21 day of October, 1997 by the above-named individual.


Notary Public

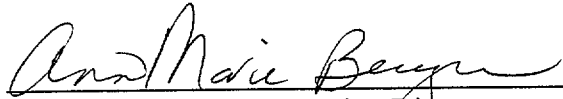
My Commission expires:

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED as to form by counsel for Respondent on this ____ day of
October, 1997.

REVIEWED AND SIGNED this 30 day of October, 1997 for the Board by:


Ann Marie Berger, Executive Director
Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine
and Surgery

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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RICHARD URUCHURTU, D.O.)	CONSENT ORDER FOR TEMPORARY
Holder of License No. 2720 for the)	SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
practice of osteopathic medicine)	
in the State of Arizona.)	
_____)	

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Richard Uruchurtu, D.O., (hereafter "Respondent"), is a licensee of the Board and the holder of License No. 2720.
2. On October 7, 1997 the Board received a telephone call from Respondent in which he admitted testing positive for the following drugs: amphetamines, benzodiazepines, and opiate metabolites at Yuma Regional Medical Center on September 25, 1997.
3. On October 13, 1997 Respondent voluntarily admitted himself into Springbrook Northwest Rehabilitation Center for a four-day in-patient evaluation for a possible substance abuse problem.
4. On October 17, 1997 the evaluation at Springbrook Northwest was completed. The patient and Executive Director were informed of the following: diagnoses were made including Opiate Dependence, Phentermine abuse, and Ambien abuse. A treatment recommendation was made including primary treatment at a physician oriented facility, that the patient complete treatment prior to returning to work, and that the patient enter into a professional monitoring and continuing care plan under supervision by the Board.

5. Respondent requested, due to his admitted addiction, that the Board allow him to enter into a Stipulated Consent Order for temporary suspension of his license until such time it is determined that Respondent is healthy enough to be placed under a probationary order for monitoring and rehabilitation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 32-1800, et seq., the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.

2. The Board has the authority to enter into a stipulated order for final disposition of this case, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1061(D), A.R.S. § 32-1855 and A.R.S. § 32-1861(D).

3. The Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in A.R.S. § 32-1854 by violating federal and state statutes and regulations concerning the use, prescription and/or possession of controlled substances.

ORDER

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Richard Uruchurtu, D.O. ("Respondent") shall refrain from the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery until he has complied with the following terms and conditions of this agreement:

- a. Richard Uruchurtu, D.O. will successfully complete the in-patient treatment program for chemical dependency at Springbrook Northwest in Newberg, Oregon.
- b. Richard Uruchurtu, D.O. will develop a plan for aftercare treatment and monitoring which shall include, but may not be limited to, individual and/or group counseling

sessions, random body fluid testing, agreement for release of treatment records and reports to the Board, prohibition of the use of alcohol and controlled substances unless the latter is prescribed or coordinated by his treating physician, and regular meetings with the Board, and submit this plan to the Board for its approval.

2. Respondent will sign a release authorizing personnel at Springbrook Northwest to inform the Board of his progress as to his in-patient treatment program, and will provide the Board with a copy of any and all records pertinent to his diagnosis and treatment while a patient at said facility and upon discharge..

3. Respondent will meet with the Board upon reasonable notice after discharge from Springbrook Northwest to discuss his compliance with this agreement and to discuss the terms and conditions under which he will be allowed by the Board to resume the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona.

4. Should Respondent fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this stipulation and agreement, the Board may, upon notice and opportunity to be heard, take disciplinary action against his license to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery in the State of Arizona.

5. In the event Respondent ceases to reside in Arizona, he will give written notice to the Board of his new residence address within twenty (20) days of moving; and, the terms and duration of probation may be stayed by the Board until Respondent returns to Arizona.

6. Respondent will continue to meet all licensing requirements such as continuing medical education and renewal requirements including applicable fees pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1825.

7. The Board's Executive Director will send correspondence to the appropriate state and/or federal law enforcement agency disclosing information in the Board's possession which may establish criminal misconduct by Respondent, i.e., illicit use of controlled substances and obtaining

controlled substances illegally.

8. The Board may require that Respondent as part of his temporary suspension: (A) submit to and cooperate in any independent medical or psychological evaluation that is ordered by the Board for Respondent and conducted by the Board's designated phyphysician/or psychologist which will be paid for by Respondent; and (B) appear before the Board, upon receipt of a request by written or telephonic notification from the Board's Executive Director which will be given at least five (5) days prior to the Board meeting; and, (C) submit to random biological fluid testing and promptly provide (i.e. within sixty (60) minutes of notification) required biological fluids for testing and said testing will be done at the Respondent's expense.

9. Respondent will reimburse the Board for all expenses associated with the investigation, hearing and continued monitoring of this matter.

10. Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of this Order shall constitute unprofessional conduct as defined at A.R.S. § 32-1854(26), as amended, and will be considered as grounds for further disciplinary action (e.g., suspension or revocation of license) in the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Order.

ISSUED this 23rd day of October, 1997.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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